IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 4521
Erik Leonard Hoffman)	Group Art Unit: 3733
Serial No. 10/037,318)	Examiner: David C. Comstock
Filed: November 7, 2001)	Atty. Dkt. No. 005032.00011

For: FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN IMPLANT, IN PARTICULAR A HIP PROSTHESIS

REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.26

Mail Stop 16 Director of the USPTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention that large entity fees were paid in connection with an Amendment and Response to Final Office Action which was accompanied by an RCE filed June 25, 2008. Applicants claim small entity status, as indicated on the Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status filed on February 21, 2001. Please credit the difference in fees as outlined below to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Large Entity Fees Paid	
June 25, 2008	

June 25, 2008	3 Month Extension RCE	
	Total Paid	\$ 810.00 \$1860.00
Small Entity Fees Required		
June 25, 2008	3 Month Extension	\$ 525.00
	RCE	\$ 405.00
	Total Refund Due:	\$ 930.00

Applicants hereby request a refund of \$930.00 to be credited to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.

Dated: March 2, 2009

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